

City Council Meeting Minutes

**August 25, 2020
Electronic Meeting
6:00 PM**

Call to Order – Mayor Stolzmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Roll Call** was taken and the following members were present:

City Council: ***Mayor Ashley Stolzmann
Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Maloney (arrived 6:03 pm)
Councilmember Kyle Brown
Councilmember J. Caleb Dickinson
Councilmember Deborah Fahey
Councilmember Chris Leh
Councilmember Jeff Lipton***

Staff Present: ***Heather Balser, City Manager
Megan Davis, Deputy City Manager
Megan Pierce, Economic Vitality Director
Emily Hogan, Assistant City Manager for Communications
 & Special Projects
Katie Baum, Sustainability Specialist
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk***

Mayor Stolzmann noted that because of the COVID-19 emergency the meeting is being held electronically. She gave information on how the meeting process will work and directions for those dialing in on how to participate when it is time for public comments.

RESOLUTION NO. 64, SERIES 2020 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE COPLEX, LLC FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE

Director Pierce stated this Business Assistance Package (BAP) request is for a new business seeking to construct a sports complex to serve club activities (volleyball and basketball) and other regional sport needs. The owners have a long history and investment in the club sports world and are evaluating space in the Colorado Technology Center (CTC) and have also considered space in Lafayette and Broomfield.

The company plans to pursue a build-to-suit development of a 23,000 square foot facility, with construction value of \$4.1 to \$4.3 million. They will invest in significant fixtures and equipment to create volleyball and basketball courts as well as flexible sports space. They

project full-time staff of 5-15 and a large part-time staff with staff members earning between \$30,000 - \$35,000.

This project meets the BAP criteria by creating new basic jobs within the City and drawing new customers/visitors to the area, without detracting from other existing businesses.

The assistance is for a proposed 50% rebate of Building Permit Fees and Construction Use Tax, capped at \$84,000. A proposed 40% rebate on new Consumer Use Tax, related to equipment and tangible good purchases for the sports facility, capped at \$6,000. The project must be completed by January 31, 2022 and the business must remain in Louisville for 7 years.

The financial impact to the City would be rebates totaling \$83,220. These are off-set by anticipated revenues of \$194,390. Based on initial estimates of equipment and fixture needs, the company could pay \$18,250 in Consumer Use Tax, of which the City would rebate \$6,000. The total impact over two years is \$212,640.

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Public Comments – None

Councilmember Lipton asked if this needs a Special Review Use in the CTC. Mayor Stolzmann stated gyms are a special review use in the CTC.

Councilmember Lipton moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Maloney.

Roll Call Vote: motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION – SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Mayor Stolzmann introduced the item.

Laura Levesque-Catalano spoke on behalf of the Sustainability Advisory Board noting their goals for a healthy environment and resilient community. She noted the recent citizen survey showed great support for sustainability. The Board has spent the last year updating the plan with new goals, new regional information, and updated targets. This plan is a lens through which the City can make decisions moving forward. The Board recommends Council adopt the plan and supports additional funding for sustainability in all areas of the City.

Sustainability Specialist Baum stated this update has inclusive, priority driven information that they feel also provides accountability and flexibility. She noted there were a variety of reasons to update this now including new community-wide carbon reduction goals,

evolving regional partnerships and the adoption of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). It also removed no longer relevant items.

The draft plan includes a triple bottom line, near term and midterm strategies, and a priority matrix. The plan includes the separation of climate and energy goals, the addition of ecological health, and adds consistency with Boulder County goals.

She reviewed the priority matrix noting it includes 13 priority strategies and all of them are steps to meet our sustainability vision. She noted funding for the plan has not been identified for the plan goals and added the funding for staff is now grant funded.

Staff and the Board are asking for feedback on the draft or changes Council would like to see before it can be brought back for adoption in October.

Public Comments - None

Councilmember Brown asked how often we get a true inventory of our greenhouse gas levels. Baum stated that Boulder County does a greenhouse gas protocol inventory every four years and internally we try to track as much as we can on an annual basis.

Councilmember Brown stated he sees a lot of the goals are directional rather than specific and he would like to find a way to have more specific targets.

Mayor Pro Tem Maloney agreed he would like more specific goals. He would like the Council to make a priority in the 2021 work plan to address some of these items in a bigger way. He would also like the Council to look into something like Denver's Climate Tax for the 2021 ballot. He thinks residents would support that. We need to fund this and be bold.

Councilmember Fahey agreed with the others that we need to take definite steps to a real goal. She supports spending more money and increased staffing for this.

Mayor Stolzmann noted there is much in this plan that is actionable and can be implemented with big results if Council is willing to do that.

Councilmember Leh suggested the Board find ways to partner with the private sector when possible as well as getting input from the youth of the community. Baum stated the Board is working with both the Green Businesses and area youth.

Councilmember Dickinson stated this is a priority for us and we need to fund it to a high enough level to see results. He would also like to have incentives to help people meet these goals.

Seth Adams, Sustainability Board, stated the board strongly recommends funding the sustainability coordinator position as a full-time, permanent position.

Mayor Stolzmann stated there appears to be strong support for the plan with only minimal changes before adoption.

Councilmember Fahey stated she would like to see each City department incorporate sustainability in all activities.

Mayor Pro Tem Maloney stated he would like the Council to look at addressing this in the 2021 work plan and seriously consider something like a climate tax proposal for the ballot.

ADVANCED AGENDA AND IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Members reviewed the advanced agenda. Mayor Stolzmann suggested cancelling the September 8 study session. Members agreed.

ADJOURN

Members adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Ashley Stolzmann, Mayor

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk